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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

Supplemental to the Amendment filed August 11, 2000 in the above application, and responsive to the telephone proposals of the Examiner during the past 12 days, please amend the above application, without prejudice, as follows:

In the Claims:

In claims 2, 3, 4 and 9, line 1 of each claim, change "claim 1" to --claim 11--;

In claim 6, line 1, change "claim 5" to --claim 12--;

In claims 3 and 9, line 1 of each claim, change "the casing" to --the impermeable plastic foil (1)--;

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 7, 8 and 10 and substitute the following new claims 11-15 therefor:

11. A food barrier casing for enclosing a foodstuff to be boiled, cooked or otherwise heated in the casing and for imparting a color and/or flavor to the foodstuff, wherein the casing comprises at least one steam and/or gas impermeable plastic foil (1), and an absorbent inner layer (2) joined to an inner side of the impermeable plastic foil (1), the inner layer (2) comprising fibers selected from the group consisting of woven fibers, fabric, knits, and fleece, and wherein the inner layer (2) is impregnated with coloring and/or flavoring agents in an amount sufficient to impart color and/or flavor to the foodstuff when the food barrier casing encloses the foodstuff.

12. The barrier casing according to claim 11, wherein the impermeable plastic

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